



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 17-39, CD1

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION MAINTAIN THOMAS SQUARE AS A PUBLIC PARK.

WHEREAS, Thomas Square is an urban park consisting of approximately 6.4 acres of landscaped lawn, the center of which is marked by a single fountain, and is located across South Beretania Street from the Honolulu Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Square is the State of Hawaii's ("State") first official public park; and

WHEREAS, the management of Thomas Square, which is owned by the State, was transferred to the City and County of Honolulu by executive order; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration purports to completely renovate Thomas Square in its proposed Thomas Square Master Plan ("Plan"), which includes improved landscaping, new bathrooms, a flag pole, a new band stand, and food concessions, by July 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Plan further specifies that the management of Thomas Square would be transferred from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Department of Enterprise Services; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") Section 46-65.6, however, requires that Thomas Square "be maintained as a public park"; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of Thomas Square, in its current state as a public park and in accordance with HRS Section 46-65.6, would preserve the natural beauty of the park and would continue to provide residents and visitors with a necessary green and quiet space to enjoy and gather in the Honolulu Civic Center area; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the maintenance of Thomas Square in its current state as a public park is therefore vitally important to the community as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is requested to maintain Thomas Square as a public park in accordance with HRS Section 46-65.6, to ensure that Thomas Square can be enjoyed as a public park by visitors and residents for generations to come; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Director of Enterprise Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Carol Fukunaga

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

February 1, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers